

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment is in order because it is consistent with the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on April 19, 2010.

Claims 25-39 are pending in the application. Applicant appreciates that claims 25-27, and 29-37 in the Amendment dated April 15, 2010 are allowable as indicated via a call from the Examiner on April 19, 2010.

By this Amendment, claims 20-24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 39 has been amended. In particular, according to the specification at page 4, lines 10-16 and page 9, lines 15-25, amended claim 39 more clearly define the claimed subject matter, e.g., "an allocation of a local score of proximity $N(M_i)$ to each point M_i of the second contour as a function of a measure of proximity of this point M_i to the first contour, which has a value lying between 0 and 1, which is equal to zero if it is paired to zero points of the first contour, and if it is paired to one point of the image contour, which is equal to a value that is small when the distance between the two paired points is large, and which is equal to a value that is large, when the distance between the two paired points is small." That is to say, the value of the local score is all the smaller (i.e., close to zero) that the distance between the two paired points is large, and all the greater (i.e., close to 1) when the distance between the two paired points is small. Amended claim 39 contains the allowable subject matter as indicated by the Examiner in the previous Office Action.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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